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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH EXTAFF
MINISTER JAMIESON AT UNGA

1. SUMMARY:

SECRETARY HELD HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH CANADIAN EXTAFF
MINISTER DON JAMIESON SEPTEMBER 26. CANADIAN SIDE INCLUDED
UNDERSECRETARY GOTLIEB AND UN AMBASSADOR BARTON. ON U.S.
SIDE WERE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES AND EUR/CAN DIRECTOR
ROUSE (NOTETAKER); AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON JOINED THE GROUP
FOR LOS DISCUSSIONS.

2. JAMIESON EXPRESSED HIS GRATIFICATION AT VERY POSITIVE
STATE OF U.S.-CANADIAN RELATIONS. BILATERAL ISSUES
DISCUSSED INCLUDED PROPOSED TALKS ON URANIUM CARTEL, STATE
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OF MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS, NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS COOPERATION
AND PLANNED VISIT TO OTTAWA OF AMBASSADOR SMITH, AND WEST
COAST TANKER TRAFFIC. AT JAMIESON'S REQUEST THE SECRETARY
REVIEWED CONCLUSIONS FROM HIS TRIP TO CHINA AND OUTLINED
CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.
U.S. SIDE MADE STRONG PITCH FOR MODIFICATION OF CANADIAN
POSITION IN LOS ON DEE, SEABED MINING, AND JAMIESON UNDER-

TOOK TO REVIEW GOC APPROACH. -- END SUMMARY.

3. URANIUM CARTEL TALKS. SECRETARY NOTED THAT U.S. SIDE HAD PROPOSED TALKS TO CLEAR THE AIR ON THIS ISSUE. JAMIESON SAID HE WAS GLAD TO HAVE ISSUE DEALT WITH IN POLITICAL CHANNELS. THE SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT AWKWARD FOR CANADA AS THERE IS A COURT ACTION PENDING THERE AND A COMBINES INVESTIGATION APPEARS LIKELY.

4. MARITIME BOUNDARY AND RESOURCE NEGOTIATIONS. JAMIESON NOTED THAT THE SPECIAL NEGOTIATORS APPEARED TO BE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS BUT SUGGESTED BOTH GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE DIRECT ACTION TO OVERCOME REGIONAL OBJECTIONS. HE CITED THE LIKELY NEED FOR THE USG TO OVERRIDE THE REGIONAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO SALMON TROLLING LEVELS AND SUGGESTED HE WOULD CALL THE SECRETARY WHEN THE TIME FOR ACTION SEEMS RIGHT. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD ENSURE THAT AMBASSADOR CUTLER KEEPS HIM CLOSELY INFORMED.

5. NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS. JAMIESON WELCOMED THE IMPENDING VISIT OF AMBASSADOR SMITH STRESSING CANADA'S CONCERN AT THE SUPPLY DIFFERENCES IT IS HAVING WITH JAPAN AND THE FRG. HE NOTED CANADA HAD AGREED TO RESUME SHIPMENTS TO THE FRG ON A LIMITED, INTERIM BASIS PENDING COMPLETION OF THE FULL CYCLE STUDIES AND ASKED WHETHER THE STUDIES ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO CREDIBLE AND SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS. THE SECRETARY
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SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD. HE ALSO SUMMARIZED THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE U.S. AND CANADA NOT TO GET OUT OF PHASE.

6. WEST COAST TANKER TRAFFIC. JAMIESON EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT IN OUR EFFORTS TO REACH AGREEMENT FOR A MANDATORY VESSEL CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT AREA, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME THE "INTERNAL WATERS" OBSTACLE. HE NOTED THE SECOND DIFFICULT ISSUE, THE APPLICATION OF NATIONAL REGULATIONS, REMAINS UNSOLVED. HIS GOAL IS TO HAVE RECIPROCAL ACCEPTANCE OF EACH OTHER'S REGULATORY STANDARDS, BUT THIS IS COMPLICATED AND MAY BE DIFFICULT. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT AGREEMENT MIGHT BE REACHED BY YEAR END.

7. DEEP SEABED MINING. THE SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON STRESSED U.S. DISSATISFACTION WITH THE DRAFT LANGUAGE ON DEEP SEABED MINING THAT HAD EMERGED IN THE NEGOTIATING TEXT AND WITH THE WAY THIS HAD COME ABOUT WITHOUT ADEQUATE DISCUSSION. UNLESS NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE WALKED BACK TO THE LEVEL OF REASONABLENESS OF THE

EVENSEN PROPOSALS, THE SENATE WOULD NOT APPROVE AND UNILATERAL SEABED MINING ACTION BY CONGRESS SEEMS INEVITABLE. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT CANADA COULD PLAY A

HELPFUL AND INFLUENTIAL ROLE. JAMIESON SAID HE HAD ALREADY REQUESTED A FULL REVIEW OF THE ISSUE AND WOULD MAKE AN OPEN AND OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT TO SEE WHETHER CANADA COULD MODIFY ITS APPROACH WITHOUT CHANGING ITS OBJECTIVE TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT LAND-BASED INDUSTRY. JAMIESON WELCOMED A SUGGESTION THAT AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON VISIT OTTAWA IN OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER AND SAID HE WOULD ENDEAVOR TO COMPLETE THE REVIEW IN TIME FOR SUCH A MEETING.

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8. PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AT JAMIESON'S REQUEST, THE SECRETARY REVIEWED HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE GOVERNMENT LEADERS ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES, ASSESSED THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN CHINA AND REVIEWED THE QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION. JAMIESON OFFERED TO FILL THE U.S. IN FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 4 VISIT OF THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTER TO OTTAWA.

9. MIDDLE EAST. AT JAMIESON'S REQUEST, THE SECRETARY REVIEWED BRIEFLY MOVEMENT TOWARD A GENEVA CONFERENCE, ASSESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A PAN ARAB DELEGATION APPROACH AND WENT OVER POSSIBILITIES FOR NEGOTIATION OF A PALESTINIAN "ENTITY".

10. SOUTHERN AFRICA. JAMIESON INDICATED CANADA WOULD CONSIDER A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN A UN FORCE FOR RHODESIA BUT NOTED IT FACES PRACTICAL CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS AVAILABILITY OF TRAINED PERSONNEL.

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